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MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Care Commission
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FROM: Mike Michael

DATE: March 30, 2017

SUBJECT: **Kansas Sr. Plan C Medicare Supplement Policy Rate Renewal**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, the current provider of the Kansas Senior Plan C Medicare Supplement policy, has submitted the rate renewal for for PY 2018 in accordance with the contract.

Direct Bill members, once they are eligible for Medicare, are required to elect one of the Medicare plans. Kansas Senior Plan C is a fully insured Medicare Supplement plan offered by the State Employee Health Plan.

The Kansas Senior Plan C Medicare Supplement policy is a standardized product that is not age-rated. The program has been in place for many years and enrollment numbers indicate it has been preferred by the Medicare members for their supplemental coverage needs. The current monthly premium is \$203 and this is the first proposed premium increase since 2016. The proposed premium for PY 2018 is \$212.06. Staff, along with the actuary, reviewed Blue Cross and Blue Shield's proposed premium offering for PY 2018.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the Plan Year 2018 premium for Kansas Senior Plan C of \$212.06 per member per month.